

La Peña Cultural Center
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La Peña Cultural Center

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Two-Month Calendar

See back for June 2009

Take Direct Action, End the War in Iraq!
Visit: www.actagainstwar.net for info.



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La Peña Cultural Center • Calendar of Events • May 2009

(SEE JUNE 09 ON THE BACK)



Nosotras 5/9



Ariel Luckey 5/1,2,3



Mestiza 5/8



Adelina 5/23



Sia Amma 5/24



Ranferi Aguilar 5/22

SUNDAY

3 CAFE RUMBA 3:30 - 6PM

A compelling performance that challenges us to take an unflinching look at the truth buried in the land beneath our feet.

Free Land

Written & performed by Ariel Luckey
A young man grapples with the contradictions in his own life and the possibility for justice & reconciliation. Featuring DJ Sake One. Directed by Margo Hall. Scored by Ryan Luckey
Visual Art by Octavio de la Paz.
8pm \$10 adv. \$12 dr. \$7 students

10 CAFE VALAPARAISO OPEN COME & CELEBRATE MOTHER DAY!

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WEB SITE FOR MORE
INFORMATION AND
UP-TO-THE-MINUTE
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17 CAFE RUMBA 3:30-6PM

Martín Perna & Adrian Quesada, are
Ocote Soul Sounds
the creative heads
behind the groups Antibalas and Grupo Fantasma. Their new album "Coconut Rock" features beautiful new mutations of funk and Latin American folkloric rhythms.

8pm \$10 general
\$8 students W/D

24 CAFE TARDEADA 3-6PM

One woman show that empowers and educates people about female circumcision.

In Search of my Clitoris

It is a clever combination of stand up comedy and theater that is funny, playful and wise. Written and performed by comedienne Sia Amma. Recommended for audiences 16 years and older.

8pm \$15 adv. \$20 dr.

31 POLITICAL ART SERIES

Exhibition and Artist's Roundtable
Political Art & Activism
Lincoln Cushing, Ivan Rubio, Favianna Rodriguez, & Susie Lundy. In this era of Obama "hope" and a crashing economy, what are some ways that visual artists can engage with community organizations to build a better world?
3:30pm artist reception
4:30-6:30pm roundtable
Voluntary Donation
Exhibition runs May 4-31

Not a big enough house for all your guests? Did you know you can
RENT US?

Plan your community activity at La Peña. Priority is given to day time rentals. Call us at (510) 849-2568 exts. 17/11

WEDNESDAY

6 CAFE SCIENCE 7PM FREE

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13 YOUTH ARTS

South Berkeley Youth Arts Summit

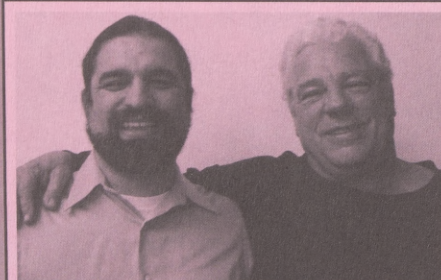
Featuring talented youth from South Berkeley including the Longfellow Middle School Jazz Band, Ballet Folklorico (Mexican), Dance Envisions (hip hop and other dance), and La Peña's Kids Bomba Workshop and Afro-Peruvian Youth Ensemble
7 pm \$8 gen. \$5 students

20 DANCING

Join a pre-carnaval celebration!
Los Bros & The Maracats
Combining Latin Jazz with a Samba /Maracatu *bateria*, these ensembles will showcase their Carnaval 09 repertoire. They will perform: Bhajans to the Goddess Kali, Samba in 5/4, and Maracatu. Featuring Bay Area's top Latin musicians, Los Bros, will add their juju to the mix. A fundraiser to support their Carnaval contingent!
8:30pm \$10-\$15 sliding scale

27 CAFE VALAPARAISO OPEN

Advance Ticket information
Advance sale tickets are available for a select number of programs. Tickets may be purchased online at www.lapena.org. Advance tickets **DO NOT** guarantee a seat. People with special needs should call (510) 849-2568 ext. 20. Please arrive 1/2 hour prior to show time.



Jon Fromer & Francisco Herrera 5/29

Tuesday, May 12, 6:00 - 7:30pm - Free Free informational meeting by the **Alliance for California Traditional Arts**
Learn about funding opportunities for folk & traditional artists and orgs. for more info: contact 415-346-5200

THURSDAY

7 FUNDRAISING BENEFIT

Fishermen, environm entalists, tribes, and cooks of SalmonAID

present their annual fundraiser. Featuring live music, dancing, information about our majestic salmon, and a live auction. All proceeds go to produce the SalmonAID Festival in June.
7:30pm \$25*

14 HIP HOP

Live Hip Hop and spoken word
Truth Be Told
with Dynamic featuring Kimiko Joy and Rico Pabon. Bring your lyrics for the open mic at the end of the night.
8pm \$5

21 CONCERT

Berkeley native **Netta Brielle**, along with her live band, performs her new project **Elektrik Rebel Sounds: The EP**
Brielle defines her sound as Urban Pop; a combination of Jazz, Rhythm & Blues, Pop, and Hip Hop music
8pm \$10 adv. \$15 dr.

28 BEATBOXING

Beatboxing Event
Speak the Music
This show will move you and blow you away with its ever-changing variety of artists. Speak The Music performers include: Soulati and Infinite from Felonious, Syzygy, Eachbox, Monkstilo, Karam, Cornbread, D.C., Icebox, Tim Barsky, Bronkar, Dust9, The Genie, Maximillion, DJ Chemical X & more. All ages.
8:30pm \$8

FRIDAY

1 HIP HOP THEATER

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday 1, 2, & 3.
La Peña presents spoken word poetry, acting, dance and hip hop music
Free Land - world premiere!
A compelling performance written & performed by Ariel Luckey that challenges us to take an unflinching look at the truth buried in the land beneath our feet.
From the streets of Oakland to the prairies in Wyoming a young man searches for his roots. Haunted by the past, he's compelled to dig deeper into the history of the land, only to come face to face with the legacy of theft and genocide in the Wild Wild West. Featuring DJ Sake One (Local 1200). Directed by Margo Hall. Scored by Ryan Luckey.
Visual Art by Octavio de la Paz. www.freelandproject.com
8pm \$10 adv. \$12 dr. \$7 students

SATURDAY

2 HIP HOP THEATER

8 DANCE

Mestiza features the original repertoire of **Lina G Torio (Luna)** with a hard hitting live show in celebration of the human spirit. Inspired by Oakland's rich history of soul, funk and a vibrant Latin music scene, Mestiza is a mix of Latin, soul, rock and urban funk.
9pm \$7 gen.

15 THEATER

So Fresh and So Clean
Written and Performed by Joe Hernandez-Kolski & Joshua Silverstein
Straight from LA, watch two-time HBO Def Poet Joe Hernandez-Kolski and internationally known beatboxer Joshua Silverstein as they make sweet love to the inner-workings of the male psyche. This show contains (im)mature subject matter.
8pm \$8 adv. \$12 dr.

22 CONCERT

Music Inspired by the Mayan Culture
Lecture-Demonstration
Ranferi Aguilar & Hacedores de Iluvia
will play & talk about their music, and culture. Aguilar (Maya) blends ancient , to create new arrangements of traditional Mayan music. A spiritual tour of Guatemala's ancient & forgotten musical traditions.
8pm \$10 adv. \$12 dr.

29 POLITICAL ART SERIES

Jon Fromer Francisco Herrera
A concert of union songs, love ballads, protests, chants and humorous tunes. The soulful voice & guitar of **Jon Fromer** have been at the heart of progressive movements for decades. **Francisco Herrera** is a nationally recognized Latino folk singer, songwriter, and a literacy activist.
8pm \$10 adv. \$12 door

9 CONCERT

An extraordinary gathering of Bay Area women artists
Nosotras
An all-women group dedicated to preserving and highlighting the relevance, beauty and wealth of women in Latin American music, song & dance.
8pm \$13 adv. \$15 dr.

16 STORYTELLING

The Center for Digital Storytelling, Streetside Stories, 826Valencia, Youth Speaks, Berkeley Community Media & KPFA celebrates the
International Day for Sharing Life Stories
With the **Theresa Perez Band**, screenings of digital stories from around the world, and spoken word and readings by youth.
7:30pm \$10 gen.

23 STAND-UP COMEDY

Stand-up comedy meets performance art!
Adelina Anthony's LA SAD GIRL...
The follow-up to her riotous show "La Angry Xicana!!", the critically acclaimed hilarious lesbian Xicana artist talks about everything from ultra-dramatic break-ups --and the nude photos that inevitably end up on MySpace-- to good old-fashioned BDSM. (Directed by D'Lo) Adult Material.
8pm \$14 adv. \$16 dr.

30 CONCERT

Pa' Gozar y Bailar De Rompe Raja
presents an evening of Afro-Peruvian dance and music with many special guests such as master bass player, musical director & Grammy winner David Pinto and Peruvian singer Rosa Los Santos.
8pm \$13 adv. \$15 door

LA PEÑA'S EXPOSICIONES / EXHIBITS

LOBBY & CAFE May 2 - June 29. Images from Peru - Original Color Photography. An eclectic mix of photographs from 2008, when the photographer spent more than six months wandering around Peru.

THEATER May 4 - May 31. Political Art and Activism featuring Lincoln Cushing, Favianna Rodriguez, Susie Lundy, and Ivan Rubio. (See May 31, 2009 event). Closing reception: Sunday, May 31 @ 3:30pm. Public welcome. Roundtable discussion begins at 4:30pm • Voluntary donation requested.

THEATER June 1- July 31. La Peña at 34: A History in Murals. Join us to celebrate the inauguration of three original portable murals created by Bay Area artists Ray Patlan, Juana Alicia Montoya, Tirso Gonzalez, and Susie Lundy. Opening reception Sat., June 6, 3-5pm



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(SEE MAY 09 ON THE BACK)

Sat, June 6

La Peña's 34th Anniversary Open House & Unveiling of New Murals

La Peña: 34 years in Murals.
3-5pm. Free: Reception &
unveiling of portable murals
comissioned by La Peña to Ray
Patlan, Juana Alicia Montoya,
Susie Lundy, & Tirso Gonzalez.

6pm. Free: Performances from
students of La Peña's classes
including Latin Jazz, hip hop, Afro-
Peruvian music, Puerto Rican
bomba, accordion, guitar, theater, &
the LP Community Chorus.

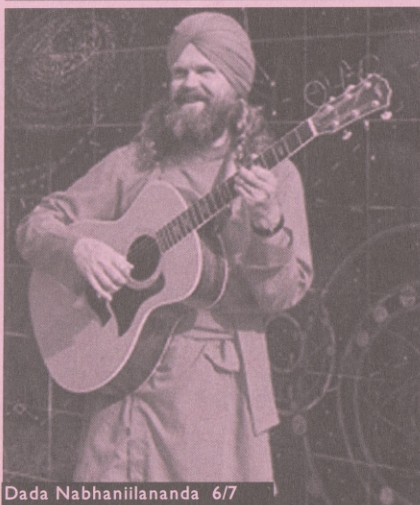
Sat, June 13

La Peña - Ayer, Hoy y P'alante

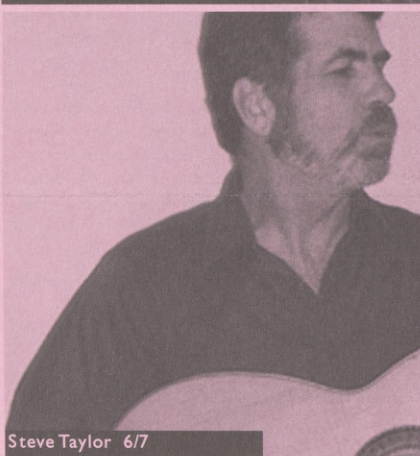
Performance of La Peña
International Orchestra
8pm \$12 adv. \$14 dr.
A work in progress concert of a
musical suite about La Peña,
composed by Wayne Wallace with
libretto by Aya de Leon.

Doors open at 7pm to view the Oral
History Art Installation: *Creating
Home Away From Home*. An
exhibit of items and objects by
ex-political prisoners and exiles from
Chile. Also possible to view murals
(see above box.)

*The La Peña 2009
International Orchestra*
Wayne Wallace, Aya de
Leon, Lichi Fuentes (guest
composer), Hector Lugo,
Josh Jones, Ayla Davila,
Donna Viscuso, Valerie Troutt
and DJ Wonway Posibul.



Dada Nabhaniilanda 6/7



Steve Taylor 6/7

Sat. June 27. 10:30am
\$6 adults \$5 kids

Back by Popular Demand!

Colibri & Suni Paz

Smithsonian recording artist Suni
Paz from Argentina, & local



favorites, Colibri, join forces to
present a show of engaging
music from all over Latin
America for children & families.

THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS FUNDERS!

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and to our many generous individual donors.

Support La Peña and win the La Peña 2009 Raffle. Drawings June 6 & 13.

More info and tickets
@ www.lapena.org
& at La Peña

SUNDAY

7 CAFE RUMBA 3:30PM-6PM

Music & spiritual awakening
Original folk music by renowned
Yoga monk-musician

Dada Nabhaniilanda and critically acclaimed songwriter Steve Taylor-Ramírez

Dada, who plays spiritual eco-folk
in a style evoking Cat Stevens
and Donovan, closes the
concert with meditation.

7pm \$14 adv. \$16 dr.

14 DANCING

The Fight Continues:
La Nueva Generación
Grupo TerroRitmo
and Special Guests

Come out for a night of consciously
motivated music and words! Join us
in an expression of social justice
through the sounds of Salsa, Cumbia,
Hip-Hop, and Spoken Word. 8pm

8pm \$10 general
\$7 students w/ID

21 CAFE RUMBA 3:30PM-6PM

Inaugural Celebration
**Center for Critical
Environmental
& Global Literacy**

Educational Transformation
...broaden the conversation...
Educators, youth & community
engage critical issues in education &
cultural & environmental sustainability
(music, videos, dancing, food)
6pm Donation requested

28 CAFE TARDEADA 3 - 6PM

Hip Hop Awareness fundraiser

for colored ink and pride
city purpose. All ages

8pm
\$5-\$20 sliding scale

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part for Cultural
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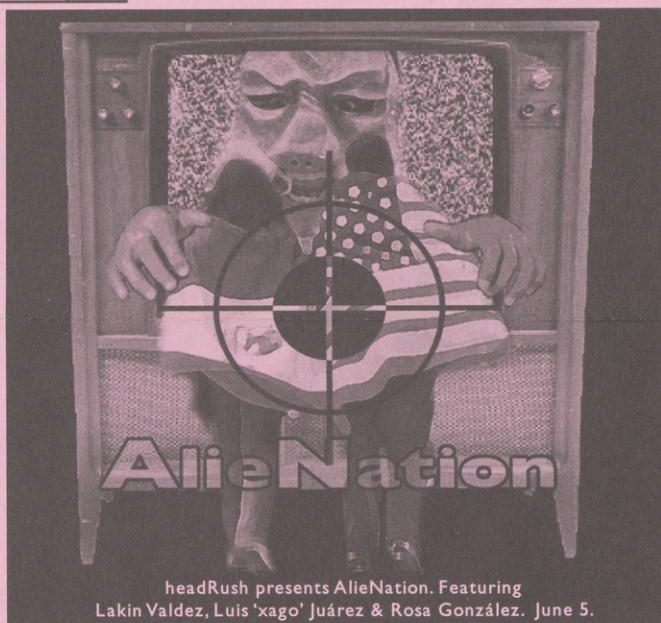


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3 CAFE SCIENCE 7PM FREE CHECK LA PEÑA'S WEBSITE LAPENA.ORG FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE PROGRAMMING Advance Ticket information Advance sale tickets are available for a select number of programs. Tickets may be purchased online at www.lapena.org . Advance tickets DO NOT guarantee a seat. People with special needs should call (510) 849-2568 ext. 20. Please arrive 1/2 hour prior to show time.	4 BENEFIT A Benefit for Nadra Foster Help raise legal defense funds for KKPFA programmer hurt and charged with multiple misdemeanors. Organized by KPPFA Unpaid Staff Organization. 6pm \$10*	5 POLITICAL SATIRE Michael Gene Sullivan & headRush In an evening of political satire with reading from Michael Gene Sullivan's essays from Huffington Post and the premiere of headRush's new play alieNation . There will also be a post show discussion with the artists. 8pm \$10 general \$7 students and educators	6 CELEBRATE OUR 34TH BIRTHDAY! La Peña's 34th Anniversary Open House & Murals Unveiling 34 years in Murals. Reception & unveiling of portable murals by Ray Patlan, Susie Lundy, Tirso Gonzalez & Juana Alicia Montoya., 3-5pm. Performances from students of La Peña's classes including Latin Jazz, hip hop, Afro- Peruvian music, Puerto Rican bomba, accordion, guitar, theater, & the Chorus. 6pm Free (<i>Donations happily accepted</i>)
10 STUDENT SHOW Oasis High School Fourth Annual Original Student production Join the Oasis High School community as they debut a student written and produced show and celebrate the publication of their yearly poetry anthology. 6pm \$5*	11 SONGS & POETRY Standard Deviations: The Deep Grown & Sexy Show An evening of song and poetry with Las Manas Tres, Gabby Callendar of NYC's <i>Mahina Movement</i> plus special guests. <i>Las Manas Tres</i> are hybrid poetas bringing the fierce flava, heating the heart and melting the mind from the Bay to L.A. <i>Gabby Callendar</i> is an activist, poet, singer, and songwriter representing Hollis, Queens NY. 8pm \$10 gen. \$7 students W/ID	12 LAS BOMBERAS CELEBRATE LA PEÑA'S 34TH ANNIVERSARY Las Bomberas de la Bahía Join Las Bomberas for Afro Puerto Rican Bomba & special musical guests from the Afro-Latin Diaspora. An evening of live music, dance, & collaboration in the spirit of diversity, cultural preservation, and in celebration of La Peña's Anniversary. All bomberos(as) encouraged to bring your dancing shoes! Bombazo to follow performance at Cafe Valparaiso. 8pm \$12 adv. \$14 dr.	13 LA PEÑA'S 34TH ANNIVERSARY La Peña - Ayer, Hoy y P'alante featuring Wayne Wallace (lead composer), Aya de Leon (libretto), Lichi Fuentes (guest composer), Hector Lugo, Josh Jones, Ayla Davila, Donna Viscuso, Valerie Troutt and DJ Wonway Posibul. Art Installation: "Creating Home Away from Home" see feature box 7pm Art Installation Viewing 8pm Concert \$12 adv. \$14 dr.
17 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN LA PEÑA WISH LIST • Bass & piano amps • Mac laptop • Mac desktop G4 • PC laptop with wireless capacity • Clean carpet with sealed edges, 10'X12' for the kid's programs • Shure 58 & 57 mics • Rug shampooer	18 THEATER The Hybrid Performance Experiment presents a workshop performance of their newest work): 2012: The Beginning of the End of the Beginning... Again! <i>As the culmination of his three-year theater residency at La Peña, Marc David Pinate directs this experimental, tragically humorous exploration of the End of Time as we know it.</i> People are considering if the scale and variety of cataclysmic events now enveloping the world, the growth of spirituality movements, the collapsing of time and technologies has anything to do with the fast approaching 2012 Mayan end-of-time prophecy. An hybrid aesthetic that mixes dark humor with abstract movement, live music and video projections. Four characters - a young autistic girl who is going blind, a queer biracial man overcoming his past, a morally ambiguous investment banker you love to hate and a ghetto-fabulous single mother/hustler with a secret - come face to face with their deepest fears and wildest dreams in the days leading up to a solar eclipse which takes place on December 21st, 2012. 8pm \$8 - \$10 sliding scale	19 THEATER	20 THEATER
24 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN CHECK LA PEÑA'S WEBSITE for more information and for up- to-the-minute programming www.lapena.org <i>Muchas Gracias!</i> Your generous support allows La Peña to fulfill our mission of promoting peace, social justice and cultural understanding through the arts, education and social action. Please donate securely online at: www.lapena.org	25 BEATBOXING Beatboxing Event Speak the Music This show will move you and blow you away with its ever-changing variety of artists. <i>Speak The Music</i> performers include: Soulati and Infinite from Felonious, Syzygy, Eachbox, Monkstilo, Karam, Cornbread, D.C., Icebox, Tim Barsky, Bronkar, Dust9, The Genie, Maximillion, DJ Chemical X & more. All ages. 8:30pm \$8	26 CONCERT Suni Paz & Rafael Manriquez Their voices and guitars celebrate the release of two CDs, <i>Tierra Querida</i> & <i>Que Viva el Canto</i> produced by Smithsonian Folkways. They include folk songs written by Atahualpa Yupanqui, Eladia Vlasquez, Violeta Parra, Victor Jara, Patricio Manns as well as some great contemporary songwriters. 8pm \$14 adv. \$16 door	27 COLIBRI & SUNI PAZ 10:30AM La Mixta Criolla (formerly Son Borikua) invites you to the release of its record "Afro-Taino". Led by Hector Lugo , this dynamic ensemble performs original music inspired by Puerto Rican and Afro-Caribbean musical traditions. 9pm \$10 adv. \$12 dr.

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Suni Paz & Rafael Manriquez 6/26



headRush presents AlieNation. Featuring
Lakin Valdez, Luis 'xago' Juárez & Rosa González. June 5.



Las Bomberas de la Bahía 6/12

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- ☐ **\$500 Padrino/Madrina** – receive an **Annual Pass**, which gets you free admission to **all La Peña events**
- ☐ **\$250 Victor Jara** – receive **4 Free Tickets to any La Peña event**
- ☐ **\$100 Paul Robeson** – receive **2 Free Tickets to any La Peña event**
- ☐ **\$50 Malvina Reynolds** – receive **1 Free Ticket to any La Peña event**
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